

Guidance for Submitting Comments on the Draft 2006, 303(d) List of Impaired Surface Waters for New Hampshire

Introduction:

In accordance with Sections 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) has prepared an assessment of surface water quality in New Hampshire. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for submitting comments on this assessment.

Documents for Public Review and Comment:

- The results of the draft 2006, 303(d) List of Impaired Surface Waters and the methodology used to assess waters in 2006 are available for review and comment on the DES website at www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/swqa.
- The draft list is available in two forms:
 - A PDF file of all 303(d) impaired waters sorted by Assessment Unit ID
 - An EXCEL file which may be downloaded and then sorted and filtered as desired.

Comment Requirements:

DES encourages submission of all comments. However to be considered for changes to the final 2006 assessment, the data or information must:

- Clearly identify the surface water(s) and geographic extent of concern
- Explicitly describe evidence for support or impairment of designated use(s)
- Include documentation of quality assurance methods used in the collection, analysis and reporting of data
- Comments must be received by DES by March 23rd, 2006.

How to Submit Comments:

Comments and submissions during the public comment period must be in written form to provide an accurate record of your concerns. Comments will not be accepted by phone. Written comments may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail to the appropriate address shown below.

By mail: 2006, 303(d) Comments
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Attention: Ken Edwardson.

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